

COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE IN COMPENSATION AND PENSION RATES

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Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4394]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4394) to provide certain increases in the monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

This bill represents considerable study and effort on the part of a subcommittee which carefully considered several bills introduced to provide cost-of-living increases in the rates of compensation and pension.

The subcommittee recommended the bill which is reported by the full committee. It provides a 5-percent increase in the rates of service-connected compensation for veterans less than 50 percent disabled, and a 15-percent increase for those veterans rated between 50 percent and 100 percent disabled. No increase in dependency allowances, statutory awards or allowances, including the specific injury rates under Public Law 182, Seventy-ninth Congress, or in subsistence allowances, is provided and there is no increase in the ceiling of \$360 per month.

In addition, the compensation rate for a widow with child and for children, where there is no widow, is increased by 15 percent. However, no increase is provided for a widow without children or for parents.

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The pension rate for World War I and World Wars II veterans is increased from \$60 to \$63 and from \$72 to \$75, the latter rate being applicable only in those cases where the veteran has reached age 65 or has been on the rolls as permanently and totally disabled for 10 years or more.

The pension increase provided for widows of World War I and II veterans is an attempt to provide greater uniformity and consistency in rates now provided for widows of veterans of other wars. The increase here provided generally places the widows of World Wars I and II and their children on a par with the dependents of the Spanish-American War. The widow of the World War I or II veteran is increased from \$42 to \$48 per month and the rate for a widow and one child is increased from the present \$54 to \$60, with \$7.20 for each additional child.

Under the provisions of Public Laws 868 and 876, Eightieth Congress, the rates of compensation for service-connected disability and death are 80 percent of the rates of compensation for disability or death incurred in time of war. Accordingly, the increases in the rates of compensation for service-connected disability and death provided in the bill will proportionately increase the rates of compensation provided for disability or death incurred in time of peace.

By virtue of the enactment of Public Law 28 of the Eighty-second Congress, all of the compensation and pension rates applicable to World War II veterans and their dependents are also applicable to veterans and the dependents of veterans who served on or after June 27, 1950.

The rates existing today and as they are proposed to be increased by this bill are set forth in the following table:

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Rates of compensation for service-connected disabilities for veterans

	Warservice-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. I	Wartime rates provided in H. R. 4394	Peacetime service-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. II	Peacetime rates provided in H. R. 4394
(a) 10 percent disability.....	\$15.00	\$15.75	\$12.00	\$12.60
(b) 20 percent disability.....	30.00	31.50	24.00	25.20
(c) 30 percent disability.....	45.00	47.25	36.00	37.80
(d) 40 percent disability.....	60.00	63.00	48.00	50.40
(e) 50 percent disability.....	75.00	86.25	60.00	63.00
(f) 60 percent disability.....	90.00	103.50	72.00	82.80
(g) 70 percent disability.....	105.00	120.75	84.00	96.60
(h) 80 percent disability.....	120.00	138.00	96.00	110.40
(i) 90 percent disability.....	135.00	155.25	108.00	124.20
(j) Total disability.....	150.00	172.50	120.00	138.00
(k) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 1 foot, or 1 hand, or blindness of 1 eye, having only light perception, rates (a) to (j) increased monthly by.....	42.00	(¹)	33.60	(²)
Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 1 foot, or 1 hand, or blindness of 1 eye, having only light perception, in addition to requirement for any of rates in (i) to (n), rate increased monthly for each loss or loss of use by.....	¹ 42.00	(³)	² 33.60	(³)
(l) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or 1 hand and 1 foot, or blind both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less, or is permanently bedridden or so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, monthly compensation.....	240.00	(³)	192.00	(³)
(m) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 2 extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or suffered blindness in both eyes, rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, monthly compensation.....	282.00	(³)	225.60	(³)
(n) Anatomical loss of 2 extremities so near shoulder or hip as to prevent use of prosthetic appliance, or suffered anatomical loss of both eyes, monthly compensation.....	318.00	(³)	254.40	(³)
(o) Suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to 2 or more rates in (i) to (n), no condition being considered twice, or suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, monthly compensation.....	360.00	(³)	288.00	(³)
(p) In event disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed requirements for any of rates prescribed, Administrator, in his discretion, may allow next higher rate, or intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of.....	360.00	(³)	288.00	(³)

¹ But in no event to exceed \$360.

² But in no event to exceed \$288.

³ No change.

Rates of compensation for dependents for service-connected death

	Law		Rates provided in H. R. 4394	
	Wartime	Peacetime	Wartime	Peacetime
Widow.....	\$75	\$60.00	\$75	\$60.00
Widow, 1 child.....	105	84.00	121	96.80
Each additional child.....	25	20.00	29	23.20
No widow, 1 child.....	58	46.40	67	53.60
No widow, 2 children.....	82	65.60	94	75.20
No widow, 3 children.....	106	84.80	122	97.60
Each additional child.....	20	16.00	23	18.40
1 parent.....	60	48.00	60	48.00
2 parents, each.....	35	28.00	35	28.00

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Pension rates for veterans of World Wars I and II and service after June 27, 1950

	Law	Rates provided in H. R. 4394
Permanent and total.....	\$60	\$63
Rates permanent and total for continuous period of 10 years or reach age 60..	72	75

Pension rates for widows and children of veterans of World Wars I and II and service after June 27, 1950

	Law	Rates provided in H. R. 4394	Rates provided for Spanish War widows and children
Widow.....	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
Widow, 1 child.....	54.00	60.00	55.20
Each additional child.....	6.00	7.20	7.20
No widow, 1 child.....	21.00	26.00	55.20
No widow, 2 children.....	32.40	39.00	62.40
No widow, 3 children.....	43.20	52.00	69.60
Each additional child.....	4.80	7.20	7.20

The report of the Veterans' Administration on this proposal, together with the cost estimate indicating the cost of approximately \$148,090,000, follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington 25, D. C., May 14, 1951.

Hon. JOHN E. RANKIN,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. RANKIN: This is in reply to your request for a report by the Veterans' Administration on H. R. 1083, Eighty-second Congress, a bill to provide for an increase in monthly rates of compensation and pensions payable to veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes.

The bill proposes "that all monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents and to dependents of deceased veterans which are payable under any laws or regulations administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 15 per centum: *Provided*, That such increase shall not apply to subsistence allowances payable under Public Laws Numbered 16 and 346, Seventy-eighth Congress, as amended."

The bill, if enacted, would authorize an increase of 15 percent in the rate of compensation or pension payable to veterans and dependents of deceased veterans of the Mexican War, Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, and of peacetime service. It does not appear that the bill contemplates an increase in other than cases having entitlement under public laws. If the bill is intended to cover cases having entitlement under private laws, it should be clarified in this respect.

The majority of cases now on the rolls are receiving compensation and pension under Public, No. 2, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, and the Veterans Regulations issued pursuant thereto, and the bill, if enacted, would increase the monthly rates of disability compensation for service-connected conditions prescribed by paragraph II, part I, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended. These basic rates under this paragraph were last increased by section 3 (a) of Public Law 339, Eighty-first Congress, October 10, 1949. The proposed increases in the present rates are shown in the following table:

Degrees of disability (percent)	Present rate	Proposed rate	Degrees of disability (percent)	Present rate	Proposed rate
10.....	\$15	\$17.25	60.....	\$90	\$103.50
20.....	30	34.50	70.....	105	120.75
30.....	45	51.75	80.....	120	138.00
40.....	60	69.00	90.....	135	155.25
50.....	75	86.25	100.....	150	172.50

If the disabled person has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, the above present rates are increased by \$42. Rates ranging from \$240 to \$360 per month are provided for the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities, certain degrees of blindness, combinations of such disabilities, and total deafness in combination with total blindness. Under the provisions of the bill, the \$42 rate would be increased to \$48.30, and the other rates would be increased from \$276 to \$414, respectively.

Section 1 of Public Law 877, Eightieth Congress, July 2, 1948, as amended by section 4 of Public Law 339, Eighty-first Congress, October 10, 1949, provides additional disability compensation on account of dependents in the case of a veteran having a disability incurred in or aggravated by service as provided in part I, or paragraph I (c), part II of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, who is rated at not less than 50 percent. The increases in additional compensation proposed by the bill are shown in the following table:

	Present rate	Proposed rate
If and while rated totally disabled and—		
(a) Has a wife but no child living.....	\$21.00	\$24.15
(b) Has a wife and 1 child living.....	35.00	40.25
(c) Has a wife and 2 children living.....	45.50	52.32
(d) Has a wife and 3 or more children living.....	56.00	64.40
(e) Has no wife but 1 child living.....	14.00	16.10
(f) Has no wife but 2 children living.....	24.50	28.17
(g) Has no wife but 3 or more children living.....	35.00	40.25
(h) Has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts..... (each).....	17.50	20.12

If and while the veteran is rated partially disabled, but not less than 50 percent, the additional compensation authorized on account of dependents is in an amount having the same ratio to the amount provided for total disability as the degree of disability bears to the total disability.

The bill, if enacted, would also increase the rates for service-connected disability under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as restored with limitations by Public, No. 141, Seventy-third Congress, March 28, 1934. These rates are generally comparable with the rates provided under the Veterans Regulations, except as to statutory awards such as the \$60 monthly award provided for service-connected arrested tuberculosis, and \$30 monthly for loss or loss of use of a creative organ. For that reason, it is deemed unnecessary to include in this report any detailed comparison of the rates presently provided under that act and the increases proposed by the bill.

The enactment of H. R. 1083 would also effect an increase in compensation rates for disability incurred in peacetime service because paragraph II, part II, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended by Public Law 876, Eightieth Congress, July 2, 1948, provides:

"II. For the purposes of part II, paragraph I (a) hereof, if the disability results from injury or disease, the compensation shall be equal to 80 percent of the compensation now or hereafter payable for the disability, had it been incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service during a period of war service as provided in part I of this regulation."

Subparagraph I (c), paragraph I, part II of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a) as amended, provides that any veteran or the dependents of any deceased veteran otherwise entitled to compensation under part II of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, or the general pension law, shall be entitled to receive the rate of compensation provided in part I of such regulation if the disability or death of such veteran resulted from an injury or disease incurred in line of duty (1) as the direct result of armed conflict, or (2) while engaged in extrahazardous service, including such service under conditions simulating war, or (3) while the United States is engaged in war. This provision makes veterans and the dependents of veterans of all wars eligible for the rates of part I for service-connected disability or death.

Part III of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, provides pension for non-service-connected permanent total disability at the rate of \$60 monthly except that where such veterans shall have been rated permanently and totally disabled and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years or reach the age of 65 years the amount of pension is \$72 monthly. Under the provisions

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of the bill, if enacted, these rates would be increased to \$69 and \$82.80, respectively. The pension benefits provided under the said part III, as amended, are available to veterans of the Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, and veterans of active service on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress.

The bill would authorize an increase in the rates payable to the dependents of veterans entitled to compensation based on wartime service-connected death. The increases proposed by the bill in such death compensation rates are shown in the following table and are applicable to all wars. These rates as to widow with child or children were last increased by section 3 (b), Public Law 339, Eighty-first Congress, October 10, 1949.

	Present rate	Proposed rate
Widow, but no child.....		
Widow, 1 child.....	\$75	\$86.25
Each additional child.....	105	120.75
No widow, 1 child.....	25	28.75
No widow, 2 children.....	58	66.70
No widow, 3 children.....	82	94.30
Each additional child.....	106	121.90
Dependent mother or father.....	20	23.00
Both parents dependent.....	60	69.00
(each).....	35	40.25

The rates for peacetime service-connected death are 80 percent of the wartime rates shown in the above table.

Widows and children of World War I and World War II veterans (and veterans of service on or after June 27, 1950) whose deaths are not the result of service-connected disability are entitled, subject to certain limitations, to pension under the provisions of Public, No. 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended. The rates of pension payable under this law and the rates as proposed to be increased under the bill, are shown below.

	Present rate	Proposed rate
Widow.....		
Widow, 1 child.....	\$42.00	\$48.30
Each additional child.....	54.00	62.10
No widow, 1 child.....	6.00	6.90
No widow, 2 children.....	21.60	24.84
No widow, 3 children.....	32.40	37.26
Each additional child.....	43.20	49.68
	4.80	5.52

Service pensions for Civil War veterans were last increased by Public Law 270, Eightieth Congress, July 30, 1947. The proposed increases in the present rates are as follows:

Present rate, \$90; regular aid and attendance, \$120. Proposed rate, \$103.50; regular aid and attendance, \$138.

Service pension rates for non-service-connected disability in behalf of veterans of the Indian wars were last increased by Public Law 398, Eightieth Congress, January 19, 1948. The proposed increases in the present rates are shown in the following table:

Degrees of disability or age	Present rate	Proposed rate
No disability.....		
1/4 disability.....	\$24	\$27.60
1/2 disability.....	30	34.50
3/4 disability.....	42	48.30
Total disability.....	60	69.00
Age 62.....	72	82.80
Aid and attendance.....	36	41.40
Age 65.....	120	138.00
	72	82.80

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Service pension rates for non-service-connected disability based on service in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and Boxer Rebellion were last increased by Public Law 270, Eightieth Congress, July 30, 1947. The increases in such rates proposed by the bill are shown in the following table:

Degree of disability or age	90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty		70 days' or more service but less than 90 days	
	Present rate	Proposed rate	Present rate	Proposed rate
100 disability.....	\$28.80	\$33.12	\$17.28	\$19.87
75 disability.....	36.00	41.40	21.60	24.84
50 disability.....	50.40	57.96	25.92	29.81
25 disability.....	72.00	82.80	34.56	39.84
Total disability.....	90.00	103.50	60.00	69.00
Age 62.....	43.20	49.68	17.28	19.87
Age 65.....	90.00	103.50	60.00	69.00
Age 68.....	57.60	66.24	60.00	69.00
Age 72.....	72.00	82.80	60.00	69.00
Age 75.....	90.00	103.50	60.00	69.00
Aid and attendance.....	120.00	138.00	78.00	89.70

Pensions for the widows and children of veterans of the Civil War, the Indian wars, the Mexican War, and the Spanish-American War, including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion, generally range from \$36 to \$60 for a widow, with additional allowances for children and, where there is no widow, from \$25.92 to \$43.20 for one child with additional allowances for each additional child. These rates are shown in detail on page 32 of Committee Print No. 173, Eighty-first Congress, a copy of which is enclosed.

There is also enclosed a chart showing the rates of compensation and pension payable to World War I and World War II veterans and their dependents from 1940 to date.

The following estimate of the first year's cost of H. R. 1083, Eighty-second Congress, if enacted, includes an increase of 15 percent in compensation and pension rates for all cases anticipated to be on the rolls under public acts. The monetary values cited reflect only the amounts of the increases over and above the amounts currently authorized:

	Number	Amount
Living veterans:		
World War II.....	1,705,500	\$143,221,000
World War I.....	612,800	70,504,000
Regular Establishment.....	68,300	6,549,000
Spanish-American War.....	81,080	13,462,000
Civil War.....	5	1,000
Indian wars.....	390	66,800
Total.....	2,468,075	233,803,800
Deceased veterans:		
World War II.....	275,900	39,817,000
World War I.....	307,300	27,582,000
Regular Establishment.....	23,700	2,879,000
Spanish-American War.....	80,700	7,160,000
Civil War.....	7,600	636,000
Indian wars.....	1,520	125,000
Mexican War.....	15	1,300
Total.....	696,735	78,200,300
Grand total.....	3,164,810	312,004,100

This estimate does not include any increases which may be involved under Public Law 28, Eighty-second Congress, May 11, 1951.

The Veterans' Administration is not advised as to the relationship of this proposed legislation to the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

O. W. CLARK
(For Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator).

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VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington 25, D. C., June 12, 1951.

Hon. JOHN E. RANKIN,
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.*

DEAR MR. RANKIN: This is in reply to your request for a report on H. R. 4394, Eighty-second Congress, a bill to provide certain increases in the monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes.

The purposes of the bill are as follows:

1. To increase the monthly rates of compensation for disability rated 10 percent to 49 percent, by 5 percent, and for disability rated 50 percent to 100 percent by 15 percent, excluding any increases in special awards and allowances, dependency allowances, or subsistence allowances.

2. To increase the amount of pension payable under part III of Veterans' Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, from \$60 to \$63 monthly and from \$72 to \$75 monthly for those in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years or reach the age of 65.

3. To increase the compensation for widows with children, and children where there is no widow, by approximately 15 percent.

4. To increase the amount of pension payable under Public, No. 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, to a widow but no child, from \$42 to \$48 per month; widow and one child, from \$54 to \$60 per month and from \$6 to \$7.20 for each additional child; and where there is no widow, from \$21.60 to \$26 per month for one child; from \$32.40 to \$39 per month for two children; from \$43.20 to \$52 per month for three children, and from \$4.80 to \$7.20 for each additional child.

The increases proposed by the bill would be effective from the first day of the second calendar month following its enactment.

The purpose of the bill is similar to that of H. R. 1083, Eighty-second Congress, on which the Veterans' Administration submitted a report to your committee under date of May 14, 1951, and the comments on H. R. 1083, except as to cost, are generally applicable to the provisions of H. R. 4394.

There is enclosed a table showing the estimated cost for fiscal year 1952 of the increases in monthly rates of compensation and pension as proposed by H. R. 4394, if enacted. This estimate does not include any increases which may be involved under Public Law 28, Eighty-second Congress, May 11, 1951.

Due to the urgent request of the committee for a report on this bill, the Veterans' Administration has not had sufficient time to ascertain from the Bureau of the Budget the relationship of this proposal to the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

O. W. CLARK
(For Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator).

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Estimated cost, fiscal year 1952, of proposed increases in monthly rates of compensation and pension (proposed rates as indicated in footnotes)

LIVING VETERANS

	Total		Compensation		Pension	
	Cases	Estimated cost	Cases	Estimated cost	Cases	Estimated cost
World War II-----	1,697,600	\$78,169,000	1,656,100	\$76,675,000	41,500	\$1,494,000
World War I-----	575,500	29,947,000	237,500	17,779,000	333,000	12,168,000
Regular Establishment-----	67,600	4,216,000	67,600	4,216,000		
Spanish-American War-----	800	114,000	500	103,000	300	11,000
Total-----	2,341,500	112,446,000	1,961,700	98,773,000	379,800	13,673,000

DECEASED VETERANS

World War II-----	102,600	\$15,536,000	86,700	\$14,293,000	15,900	\$1,243,000
World War I-----	250,800	19,086,000	4,700	905,000	246,100	18,181,000
Regular Establishment-----	6,400	1,014,000	6,400	1,014,000		
Spanish-American War-----	640	8,000	40	7,000	600	1,000
Total-----	360,440	35,644,000	97,840	16,219,000	262,600	19,425,000

TOTAL LIVING AND DECEASED VETERANS

World War II-----	1,800,200	\$93,705,000	1,742,800	\$90,968,000	57,400	\$2,737,000
World War I-----	826,300	49,033,000	242,200	18,684,000	584,100	30,349,000
Regular Establishment-----	74,000	5,230,000	74,000	5,230,000		
Spanish-American War-----	1,440	122,000	540	110,000	900	12,000
Total-----	2,701,940	148,090,000	2,059,540	114,992,000	642,400	33,098,000

NOTES

1. Compensation for disability rated 10 to 49 percent increased by 5 percent on basic rates, and for disability rated 50 to 100 percent increased by 15 percent on basic rates. No increases in dependency allowances, statutory awards, specific injury rates under Public Law 182, 79th Cong., and no increases in ceilings.
2. Pensions rates for permanent and total disability under pt. III, Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, increased from \$60 and \$72 to \$63 and \$75, respectively.
3. Compensation for dependents of deceased veterans under pt. I, of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, at the following rates: Widow but no child, \$75; widow with 1 child, \$121 (with \$29 for each additional child); no widow but 1 child, \$67; no widow but 2 children, \$94 (equally divided); no widow but 3 children, \$122 (equally divided) (with \$23 for each additional child; total amount to be equally divided); dependent mother or father, \$60 (or both), \$35 each.
4. Pension for dependents of deceased veterans as provided in sec. 2, Public Law 484, 73d Cong., as amended, at the following rates: Widow but no child, \$48; widow and 1 child, \$60 (with \$7.20 for each additional child); no widow but 1 child, \$26; no widow but 2 children, \$39 (equally divided); no widow but 3 children, \$52 (equally divided) with \$7.20 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided).

RAMSEYER RULE

In accordance with clause 2a of rule XIII, House of Representatives, the changes made in existing law by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is in black brackets; new matter is in italics; existing law in which no changes are proposed is shown in roman):

Section 2 of H. R. 4394: Paragraph I (f), part III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a) as amended:

I (f) The amount of pension payable under terms of part III shall be **[\$60]** *\$63* monthly, except that where such veterans shall have been rated permanent and total and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of ten years or reach the age of sixty-five years, the amount of pension shall be **[\$72]** *\$75* monthly: *Provided, That—*

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Section 3 of H. R. 4394: Paragraph IV of part I of Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended:

IV. The surviving widow, child or children, and dependent mother or father of any deceased person who died as the result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service as provided in part I, paragraph I hereof, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the monthly rates specified next below:

Widow but no child, \$75; widow with one child ~~[\$105]~~ \$121 (with ~~[\$25]~~ \$29 for each additional child); no widow but one child, ~~[\$58]~~ \$67; no widow but two children, ~~[\$82]~~ \$94 (equally divided); no widow but three children, ~~[\$106]~~ \$122 (equally divided) (with ~~[\$20]~~ \$23 for each additional child; total amount to be equally divided); dependent mother or father, \$60 (or both), \$35 each.

Section 4 of H. R. 4394: Section 2 of Public Law 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended:

SEC. 2. That the monthly rates of pension shall be as follows: Widow but no child, ~~[\$42]~~ \$48; widow and one child, ~~[\$54]~~ \$60 (with ~~[\$6]~~ \$7.20 for each additional child); no widow but one child ~~[\$21.60]~~ \$26; no widow but two children, ~~[\$32.40]~~ \$39 (equally divided); no widow but three children, ~~[\$43.20]~~ \$52 (equally divided) with ~~[\$6]~~ \$7.20 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided).